



March 19, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Ex Parte Notice. MB Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 000-244. In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers; Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets; Definition of Radio Markets.

On March 18, 2003, Linda Foley, Vice President, The Newspaper Guild/CWA and Debbie Goldman of the Communications Workers of America met with Susan Eid, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Powell.

The discussion focused on five issues: 1) Television and newspapers as the dominant source for local news and information; 2) television and newspapers as separate local product markets; 3) television and newspaper local market concentration; 4) ownership rules as necessary to protect and promote viewpoint diversity; and 5) CWA’s proposal for structural ownership rules. We discussed the CWA proposal for a single local media ownership rule. The proposed rule would prohibit combinations in concentrated local media product markets, and permit combinations in unconcentrated local media product markets conditioned on a requirement to maintain separate news and editorial staff to protect viewpoint diversity.

The hand-outs used during the discussion were previously entered into the record on March 5, 2003.

Sincerely,

Debbie Goldman, Research Economist
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cc: Susan Eid